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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: STUDY ON THE MARITIME TRANSPORT OF RICE

REF: GENEVA A-259

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH VIEW EXPRESSED IN COMMENT SECTION OF GENEVA A-259.
2. MISSION REQUESTED TO INFORM UNCTAD SECRETARIAT THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE MARITIME TRANSPORT OF RICE IS NOT READILY AVAILABLE FROM US GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND WOULD NECESSITATE EXTENSIVE RESEARCH WHICH IS NOT PRACTICABLE AT THIS TIME.
3. WITH REGARDS TO THE DEPARTMENT FORWARDING THE RICE QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE VARIOUS PRIVATE US FIRMS AND ORGANIZATIONS, THE MISSION MAY INFORM THE SECRETARIAT IT WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THE INVISIBLES DIVISION TO REQUEST THE INFORMATION DIRECTLY FROM THE ADDRESSEES INDICATED ON THE ATTACHMENT TO MR. MALINOWSKI'S LETTER OF APRIL 17. THIS PROCEDURE IS CONSIDERED THE MORE EFFICIENT MEANS OF HANDLING THIS UNDERTAKING AND WOULD READILY FACILITATE ANY NECESSARY FOLLOW-UP. MOREOVER, IT WILL PREVENT THE USG FROM HAVING TO UNNECESSARILY ACT AS THE INVISIBLES DIVISION'S INTERMEDIARY, A ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO TAKE OR ACCEPT.

4. OUR REVIEW OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT BECAUSE OF ITS LENGTH AND COMPREHENSIVE NATURE, MOST PRIVATE US FIRMS AND ORGANIZATIONS MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT OR INCONVENIENT TO PROVIDE THE EXTENSIVE INFORMATION DESIRED BY THE INVISIBLES DIVISION. IF THE INVISIBLES DIVISION FINDS ITSELF FACED WITH THIS EVENTUALITY AND CONSIDERS THE INFORMATION ESSENTIAL, IT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER SENDING AN OFFICIAL TO THE US TO PERSONALLY VISIT APPROPRIATE INFORMATIONAL SOURCES TO OBTAIN THE REQUIRED DATA. PORTER

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